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c. 1880-1900

Woodworks/Blue Swan Commercial Building St. Michaels private

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4. Own	er of Prope	rty (give names a	and mailing addresse	es of <u>all</u> owners)
name	James C. Latham			
street & number			telephone n	o.:
city, town	St. Michaels	state	and zip code Mar	yland 21663
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The two-story, four-bay commercial building that currently houses the Woodworks and Blue Swan shops stands on the west side of Talbot Street in the northern business district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. Facing east, the two-story commercial building is oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the two-story late nineteenth-century frame structure is sheathed with German siding and covered with a medium sloped seamed tin roof. Attached to the back of the structure is an ell addition.

The east (main) elevation is an uneven four-bay facade with two storefronts of plate glass and recessed entrances. The second floor is lighted by four unevenly spaced single-pane sash windows with louvered shutters. A mid-level cornice stretches between the store windows and the second floor. The eaves are finished with a standard boxed cornice.

The south gable end is largely covered by the adjacent Town Hall Mall building, but the north gable end is fully exposed to the street. The weatherboard wall is uninterrupted by openings, and the eaves are slightly extended with short returns. A narrow brick stove stack rises through the gable.

The interiors have been remodeled for modern businesses, but a pressed tin ceiling survives in the Blue Swan section. The square patterned ceiling has a cove cornice. The second floor is not currently used as retail space, and it is undistinguished architecturally. A few six-over-six sash windows have been covered over by the rear wing.

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The various purchase prices indicated in the chain of title for this town lot indicate that a building has probably occupied this site since the post-Civil War era. Architectural features suggest late nineteenth-century construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House

21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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BLUE SWAN - WOODWORKS

PAGE TWO

Year: 1921 Vol: 190 Page: 46

From: Bertha L Davis, widow Price: \$2,500

To : Michaels and Sophia Lebowitz

Notes: Same description as previous deed.

Conveyed to Betha and John C D Davis by Francis M C Jones and Rowena D Jones and Ida F I Jones, 1907, 150/309.

To Bertha Davis upon death of husband, John Davis.

Year: 1907 Vol: 150 Page: 309

From: Francis M C, Rowena D, and Ida F I, Jones Price: \$1100

To : Bertha and John C D Davis Notes: Same description as above.

Conveyed to Edward Jones by Thomas M Ryan, 1866, 72/412.

Devised to Francis M C Jones and Ida F I Jones by mother, Elizabeth F Jones, will, 1899, 17/114.

Elizabeth inherited under will of her husband Edward Jones, will, 1896, 15/50.

Year: 1873 Vol: 79 Page: 416

From: Edward and Elizabeth Jones Price: \$50

To : Commissioners of St. Michaels

Notes: Begins at the NE corner of Edward Jones runs south with Talbot Street 8 ft 10 in then west 224 feet to Fremont Street; with Fremont St. 6 feet to John K Skinner; with Skinner, east 120 ft, west 2 ft 4 in (!!), then east 104 ft to the beginning. A deed on same page, (John K Skinner to Commissioners of St. Michaels \$75) takes 9 feet on Talbot Street and 12 feet on Fremont Street "to be used as a public road" connecting Talbot and Fremont Streets.

The street was first called "Skinner's Alley", later Carpenter's Alley or Street. (I don't know what it is called at this time, officially)

BLUE SWAN - WOODWORKS

PAGE THREE

Year: 1866 Vol: 72 Page: 412

From: Thomas M and Ann E Bryan Price: #750

To : Edward Jones

Notes: There were two lots to this transaction. This one begins at a stone in the ditch on Talbot Street at the corner of Samuel A Harrison and runs with Talbot Street 59 feet; then back 100 feet, 59 feet across, and 100 feet to the beginning. It is described as "Lot number 5 in Canton Row", opposite Carpenter's Alley.

Conveyed to Thomas Bryan by William Townsend, 1858, 68/194.

Year: 1858 Vol: 68 Page: 194

From: William and Ann M Townsend Price: \$615

To : Thomas M Bryan

Notes: Same description as previous deed. Deed states that the lot is occupied

Mrs. Keithley.

Deed 1858, 68/202, in which Bryan buys the lot behind this one, to Fremont Street mentions the sale as being "adjacent to that house and lot formerly owned by William Townsend".

Conveyed to William Townsend by Samuel A Harrison, 1856, 67/312

Year: 1856 Vol: 67 Page: 312

From: Samuel A Harrison Price: \$175

To : William Townsend

Notes: The reversionary interest in Lot number 5, Canton Row already leased

by Samuel A Harrison to William Townsend in 1843.

Leased by Samuel A Harrison to William Townsend, 1843, 58/18.

Year: 1843 Vol: 58 Page: 18

From: Samuel A Harrison Price: lease

To : William Townsend

Notes: "Lot number 5 opposite Carpenter Street."

This is the first transaction involving this lot after the subdivision of the lots of "Canton Farm" or "Canton Row" on Talbot Street.

See the summary of "Canton Row" for the rest of the story.

AUG 29-80 A = 23661 ** * 350.00 AUG 29-80 A 223660 +++ 231.00

AUG 29-80 A \$23659 *** **10.00

THIS DEED, made this 25 day of August, 1980, by and between THOMAS HUNTER LOWE and JANE B. LOWE, his wife, of Talbot County, State of Maryland, of the first part, Grantors, and JAMES C. LATHAM and JOSEPHINE P. LATHAM, his wife, of Talbot County, State of Maryland, of the second part, Grantees.

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the sum of Seventy Thousand-Dollars (\$70,000.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B. Lowe, his wife, do hereby grant and convey unto the said James C. Latham and Josephine P. Latham, his wife, as tenants in common, their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, ALL that following lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of St. Michaels, Maryland, and more particularly described in a Certificate of Survey prepared by J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., December 27, 1974, as follows:

BEGINNING for the same at a Railroad Spike in the pavement at the southwesterly corner of the intersection of Talbot Street and Carpenter Alley, said Spike being at the northeasterly corner of the herein described land and from said Place of Beginning running (1) by and with the westerly side of the said Talbot Street, South 05° 37' East 52.00 feet to the land described as "Second" in a deed from Harry Lebowitz, et al., to Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, dated January 4, 1962, and recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, under Liber 375, Folio 526; thence (2) by and with the said Parcel "Second", South 83° 50' 33" West 92.25 feet to the land described as "First" in a deed from Roger R. Ringgold and Emily L. Ringgold to Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, dated January 3, 1950, and recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, under Liber 284, Folio 452; thence (3) by and with the said Parcel "First," South 05° 59' East 0.97 feet to Parcel "Second" of the said deed recorded in Liber 284, Folio 452; thence (4) by and with the said Parcel "Second" South 84° 51' West 40.00 feet to the land described in a deed from Grace W. Miles to Alfred H. Chester and Elios M. Chester, dated Justiany 26, 1952, and recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, under Liber 295, Folio 138; thence (5) by and with the said Chester land, North 05° 59' West 53.92 feet to an Iron Red and the aforementioned Carpenter Alley; thence (6) by and with the said Carpenter Alley, North 84° 33' 05" East 133.27 feet to the Place of Beginning, containing 7,055 square feet of land.

BEING the same property which was conveyed unto the said Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B. Lowe, his wife, by Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, his wife, by deed dated December 30, 1974, and of record among the Land Record Books for Talbot County in Liber No. 489, Folio 686.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages, to the same belonging, or anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining, unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said James C. Latham and Josephine P. Latham, his wife, as tenants in common, their heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

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BLUE SWAN - WOODWORKS

Year: 1981 Vol: 556 Page: 429 From: James C Latham Price: To : James C Latham, trustee

Notes: This is Parcel "NINTH" on attached deed. Both "Woodworks" and

"Blue Swan" are under the same roof.

Conveyed to James C and Josephine P Latham by Thomas Hunter Lowe, 1980, 548/265.

Year: 1980 Vol: 548 Page: 265

From: Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B Lowe Price: \$70,000

To : James C Latham and Josephine P Latham

Notes: See attached deed. 52 feet on Talbot Street.

Conveyed to Thomas Hunter Lowe by Melvin Lebowitz, 1974, 489/686.

Year: 1974 Vol: 489 Page: 686

From: Melvin and Marjorie M Lebowitz Price: \$5

To : Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B Lowe

Notes: See attached deed and PLAT. 52 feet on Talbot Street.

Conveyed to Melvin and Marjorie M Lebowitz by Harry Lebowitz, et al, 1962, 375/526.

Year: 1962 Vol: 375 Page: 526

From: Harry & Anne Lebowitz and Herbert & Frances Lockwood Price: \$17,000

To : Melvin and Marjorie M Lebowitz

Notes: "First" on this deed. Begins at SW corner of Talbot Street and Skinner Alley (Carpenter Street) runs 52' on Talbot, south to the NE corner of John C Harper; then west with Harper 100 feet to the heirs of T Anthony Payne; then N 52 feet to Skinner Alley; E with alley 100 feet to beginning.

Conveyed to Michael and Sophia Lebowitz by Bertha L Davis, widow, 1921, 190/46. Property went to Sophia upon death of Michael and to Harry Lebowitz and Herbert Lockwood (Lebowitz) by will, 1956, 29/294.

LIBER 489 PAGE 636

Time: 3:40 P.M. . 7-568

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THIS DEED, made this 3rd day of 1974, by and between MELVIN LEBOWITZ and MARJORIE M. LEBOWITZ, his wife, of Talbot County, State of Maryland, of the first part, Grantors, and THOMAS HUNTER LOWE and JANE B. LOWE, his wife, of Talbot County, State of Maryland, of the second part, Grantees.

WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable considerations the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, his wife, do hereby grant and convey unto the said Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B. Lowe, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, and unto the survivor of them, his or her heirs and assigns, in fee simple, ALL that following lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of St. Michaels, Maryland, and more particularly described in a Certificate of Survey prepared by J. R. McCrone, Jr., Inc., December 27, 1974, as follows:

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(4) by and with the said Parcel "Second," South 84°51' West 40.00 feet to the land described in a deed from Grace W. Miles to Alfred H. Chester and Elios M. Chester, dated January 26, 1952 and recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, under Liber 295, folio 138; thence (5) by and with the said Chester land, North 05°59' West 53.92 feet to an Iron Rod and the aforementioned Carpenter Alley; thence (6) by and with the said Carpenter Alley, North 84°33'05" East 133.27 feet to the Place of Beginning, containing 7,055 Square Feet of Land;

BEING the land described as "First" in a deed from Harry Lebowitz, et al, to Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, dated January 4, 1962 and recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, under Liber 375, folio 526, and the land described as "First" in a deed from Roger R. Ringgold and Emily L. Ringgold to Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, dated January 3, 1950 and recorded in the Land Record Books of Talbot County, Maryland, under Liber 284, folio 452.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tracts of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining, unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Thomas Hunter Lowe and Jane B. Lowe, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, and unto the survivor of them, his or her heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

AND the said Melvin Lebowitz and Marjorie M. Lebowitz, his wife, do hereby covenant that they have not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever,

HENRY, HAIRSTON & PRICE ATTORNEYS AT LAW EASTON, MARYLAND

CARPENTER 284/452 PARKER 270/75 AREA CHESTER 295/138 JESSE WEBB SECONO" 284/452 LEASEHOLD N84°51'E 80.00 PARCEL BFT. WIDE RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR LAND SHOWN AS "SECOND" 375/576 AREM 572/359 505°59'E 14.63 PARCEL Nº 2 HUDSONS ST. MICHAELS IMPROVEMENT

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ENTER ALLEY RON ROD N84°33'05"E 133.27' "FIRST" "FYRKS?" 284/452 375/526 PARCEL Nº 1 AREA 7.055 SQ. FT. + 505°59'E SECONO SECOND" 2847/452 375,4526 LEASEHOLD Nº 2 LEASEHOLD PARCEL CAND SHOWN SCALO 3 AREA 9,0 19 3 15 Q. Fr. + 583°50'33'N 7.65 92.77 505°59'E 14.63 PARCELL NO 3 UDSONS PHARMACY, INCORPORATED 393/597 MARKETELL MANY PROVEMENT CORPORATION 418/456 PLAT OF A SURVEY OF THE LAND OF MELVIN & MARJORIE M. LEBOY

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J. R. MOCRONE, JR., INC. - TRAPPE, MD.

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THIS DEED, made this 30th day of June , 1981, by JAMES C. LATHAM, as Grantor

WITNESSETH, that for No Consideration, the said JAMES C. LATHAM, Grantor as aforesaid, does hereby grant and convey unto JAMES C. LATHAM, TRUSTEE, under a certain Trust Agreement dated the 30th day of June , 1981 (by and between James C. Latham as Settlor and James C. Latham as Trustee), his successors and assigns, in trust, all of the right, title and interest of the said Grantor in and to the followingdescribed real property, to wit:

FIRST: ALL that lot or parcel of ground situate, lying and being on the waters of "Gates Cove", a branch of Peachblossom Creek, in Easton District, Talbot County, Maryland, being Lot No. 1 on a map entitled "Gates Cove Lots surveyed for Camden Point Farm, Inc.", recorded among the Plat Records of Talbot County, Maryland, in Liber J.T.B. No. 16, at folio 99, the same being more fully described in the Deed next hereinbelow mentioned, to which said Deed, and any other Deeds, Plats or other Instruments described, mentioned or adverted to therein, reference is hereby made for a more full, complete and particular description thereof.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO the easements, restrictions, conditions, and reservations recited in said Deed.

BEING, or intended to be, all of the same property which was conveyed to the said Grantor by Deed from Ernest M. Thompson, et ux, dated October 20, 1964, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, in Liber J.T.B. No. 397, at folio 680.

SECOND: ALL that lot or parcel of land known as Lot No. 1, Hillcrest Subdivision, situate, lying and being on the East side of Maryland Highway No. 662, in the First Election District, Talbot County, Maryland, the same being more fully described in the Deed next hereinbelow mentioned, to which said Deed, and any other Deeds, Plats or other Instruments described, mentioned or adverted to therein, reference is hereby made for a more full, complete and particular description thereof.

BEING, or intended to be, all of the same property which was conveyed to the said Grantor by Deed from The Latham Company and Maryland National Bank, dated September

Keating, Thomas

other Deeds, Plats or other Instruments described, mentioned or adverted to therein, reference is hereby made for a more full, complete and particular description thereof.

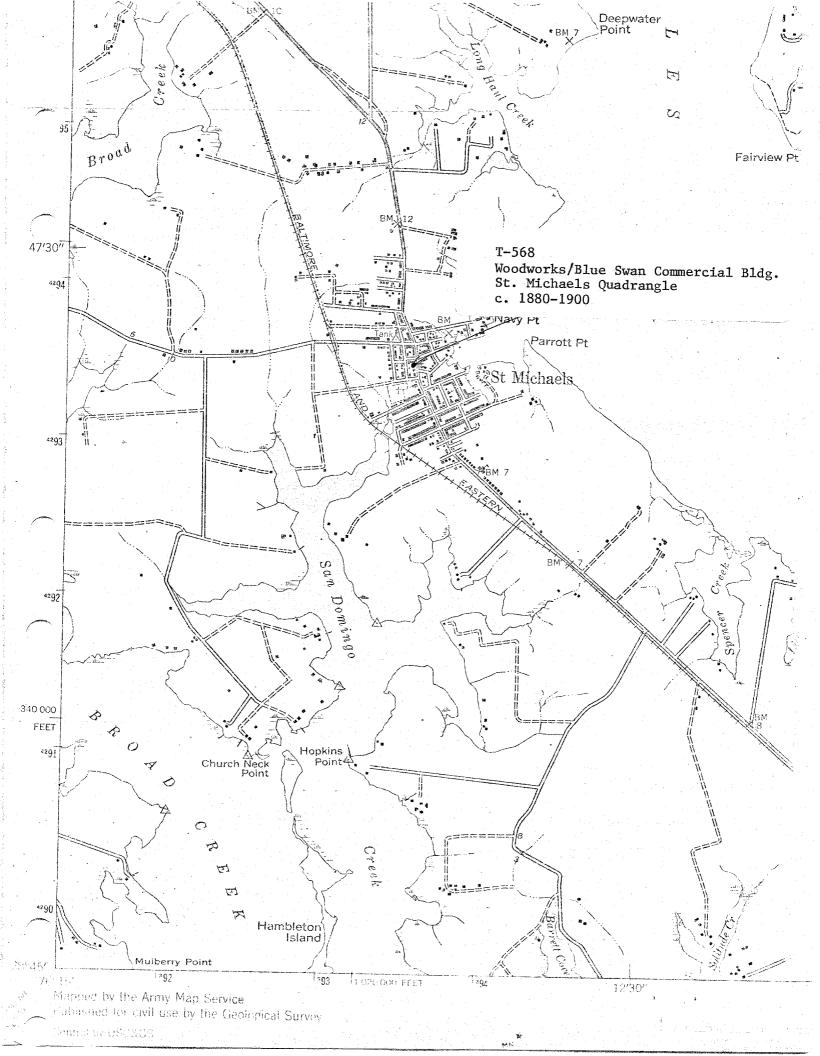
BEING, or intended to be, all of the same property which was conveyed to the said Grantor by Deed from Noble Investments, Inc., dated July 20, 1979, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, in Liber J.T.B. No. 535, at folio 642.

EIGHTH: ALL that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the West side of Talbot Street in the Town of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, the same being more fully described in the Deeds next hereinbelow mentioned, to which said Deeds, and any other Deeds, Plats or other Instruments described, mentioned or adverted to therein, reference is hereby made for a more full, complete and particular description thereof.

BEING, or intended to be, all of the same property the leasehold interest in which was conveyed to the said Grantor and R. James Latham, as tenants in common, by Deed from The Latham Company, dated July 24, 1979, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, in Liber J.T.B. No. 535, at folio 698, and the fee simple interest in which was conveyed to the said Grantor and R. James Latham, as tenants in common, by Deed from Elsie W. Hunteman, et al, dated March 24, 1981, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, Maryland, in Liber J.T.B. No. 554, at folio 413.

NINTH: ALL that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the West side of Talbot Street in the Town of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, the same being more fully described in the Deed next hereinbelow mentioned, to which said Deed, and any other Deeds, Plats or other Instruments described, mentioned or adverted to therein, reference is hereby made for a more full, complete and particular description thereof.

BEING, or intended to be, all-of the same property which was conveyed to the said Grantor and Josephine P. Latham, as tenants in common, by Deed from Thomas Hunter Lowe, et ux, dated August 29, 1980, and recorded among the Land Records of Talbot County, in Liber J.T.B. No. 548, at folio 265.





WOODWORKS/BLUE SWAN T-568 St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland East Elevation 6/85, Paul Touart, Photographer NEG/MD. Historical Trust